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19 April 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Secretary of State  
for Research and Intelligence  
Attention: Col. Merritt B. Booth

SUBJECT: Note of Review by OIR Analysts of CIA Intelligence  
Memorandum No. 145

REFERENCE: Your memorandum, same subject, dated 13 April 1949

1. We regret that we have inadvertently caused you embarrassment by the footnote in our IM-145 to the effect that it "has been reviewed by analysts of the Intelligence Organization of the Department of State." Although this is an accurate description of the extent of coordination in this case, it might imply a concurrence by OIR which was in fact not obtained.

2. To the extent IM's are coordinated at all, it is the CIA view that they cannot be coordinated more fully than by an exchange of views at the working-level. In continuing this practice the footnote formula will, therefore, describe specifically the procedures followed in each case and will state also that the paper has not been formally coordinated or submitted for concurrence.

3. It is hoped that this will correct the difficulties described in your memorandum.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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